

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims, in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for implanting a prosthetic device in a body comprising:
 - placing a first suture through tissue at a first position using a first needle of a suture system;
 - placing a second needle of a suture system having an associated double stranded suture in the tissue at a distance from the first position, different strands having different indicators such that the different strands can be identified;
 - placing additional sutures using additional needles through the tissue;
 - placing the first suture ~~through a cuff of~~ in the prosthetic device using the single-threaded needle of the suture system;
 - placing the second needle and an associated double-stranded suture in the prosthetic device;
 - placing additional sutures using additional double-stranded sutures along the prosthetic device; and
 - securing the prosthetic device into position.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the strands of the double-stranded suture are of different colors.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the first suture strand is green and another suture strand is white.
4. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein a third strand color is formed with a pair of braided strands of different colors.
5. (Currently Amended) A suture device for suturing a prosthetic device to tissue

comprising:

a plurality of at least three needles with at least one needle being associated with a double stranded suture, one strand of the double stranded suture having a visual indicator;

~~a plurality of suture pads~~, each suture strand extending between a pair of needles ~~having a suture pad~~ such that suture strands ~~associated with different suture pads~~ can be identified with the visual indicator, the needles being removable from the suture strands after insertion through a ~~cuff of the~~ prosthetic device and the ends of each strand being identified and secured together to attach the device to the tissue.

6. (Original) The suture device of claim 5 wherein the suture strands include strands of at least two different colors.
7. (Original) The suture device of claim 5 wherein the device has at least three needles that are each associated with at least two strands.
8. (Original) The suture device of claim 5 further comprising a first needle attached to a single strand and a last needle attached to a single strand and said at least one needle associated with at least two suture strands there between.
9. (New) The suture device of claim 5 further comprising a plurality of suture pads such that each needle is attached to another needle with a suture strand having a pad attached to the suture strand.
10. (New) The suture device of claim 5 wherein the prosthetic device further comprises a cuff through which suture strands are threaded.
11. (New) The suture device of claim 5 wherein the prosthetic device comprises a valve.

12. (New) The suture device of claim 5 further comprising a package for housing the suture device.
13. (New) The suture device of claim 5 further comprising a mechanical suture placement device.
14. (New) The suture device of claim 5 wherein the prosthetic device comprises an aortic valve.